

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will proceed with item five on the agenda, General File, LR 24CA.

CLERK: Madam President, LR 24CA was introduced by the Speaker and Senator Smith, at the request of the Governor. (Read brief explanation.) The resolution was referred to the General Affairs Committee after its introduction on February 1. General Affairs Committee reported the resolution to General File.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Speaker Baack. Senator Smith, are you going to handle this?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, I am, Madam President, but I don't know what to handle at this point in time because we are at the stage, I think, unless we have some new amendments, we have just finished the amendments that were attempted, and I don't know where we are at, as far as if there are new amendments to be offered.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Are there any amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Hall would move to amend the resolution. Senator Hall is excused until he arrives.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Is anyone prepared to handle this amendment for Senator Hall? Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Madam President, my understanding was that Senator Hall's amendment was to the Beutler amendment, which was withdrawn.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Let's go ahead and move on. We are discussing a motion to advance the resolution.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, what I might want to do at this point is just to make sure that everyone that is here this morning is aware of what we are discussing, and I will just summarize again what this is. This, 24CA is a constitutional provision that would allow the voters of the State of Nebraska to vote and let us know whether or not they, in fact, do want to institute a state run and regulated lottery. The proceeds of the lottery would be appropriated for the establishment and maintenance of a lottery, and then the remainder of the funds, after all expenses were paid, would be spent as the Legislature directs. And in